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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: GUINEAN REACTION CONTINUES

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1. AT MASS PARTY MEETING JUNE 10 PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE EXPLODED AGAINST FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY (PSF) AND AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (WHICH HE CONFUSED WITH INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS) FOR ATTACKING GUINEA'S HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE. TWO-HOUR SPEECH WAS LADEN WITH HEATED INVECTIVE AGAINST PSF AND FRANCOIS MITTERAND FOR ALLOWING PSF OFFICIAL JAMMES SOUMAH, AN EX-GUINEAN (LEMONDE JUNE 4) TO "SLANDER" TOURE REGIME. TOURE, LIKE GOG'S PARALLEL MEDIA CAMPAIGN, SPARED FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND IN FACT ACCUSED MITTERAND, IN LEAGUE WITH OVORY COAST'S HOUPHOUET AND SENEGAL'S SENGHOR, OF TRYING TO SABOTAGE OR DISCREDIT GISCARD'S COMMITMENT TO VISIT GUINEA NEXT YEAR. TOURE LIKEWISE DID NOT MENTION INVOLVEMENT OF FOUR EX-U.S. AMBASSADORS IN LEAGUE'S UN REPORT BUT NOTING "STATE OF WAR" WITH PSF AND AMNESTY, WARNED UN MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AGAINST EXPLOITING REPORT AGAINST GUINEA
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OR JOINING WITH GUINEA'S "ENEMIES".

2. BLASTING MITTERAND AND PSF LEADERSHIP AS FALSE SOCIALISTS, TOOLS OF BOURGEOISIE AND NEO-COLONISLISM, CORRUPT POLITICIANS, REVOLTING CYNICS, "FRENCH ROT", FREE-MASONS, AND LIARS, TOURE SEEMS TO HAVE CONCLUDED THAT BEST DEFENSE AGAINST CRITICS IS GOOD OFFENSE. HE JUSTIFIED AT LENGTH

GUINEA'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD, CLAIMING THAT HE USED OPPRESSION ONLY AGAINST "WAR CRIMINALS" AND TRAITOR, THAT PSF'S IGNORING OF SIMILAR EXECUTIONS AND PURGES IN FRANCE AFTER LIBERATION, MOROCCO, SENEGAL, AND IVORY COAST AMOUNTS TO DOUBLE STANDARD, AND THAT POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY VERDICT" AGAINST RENEGADES AT ALL PARTY-STATE LEVELS MADE GUINEAN JUSTICE MORE DEMOCRATIC THAN ANY OTHER. TOURE CLAIMED THAT SOUMAH (ABOVE) WAS NO-ACCOUNT ITINERANT, NOT EX-GUINEAN MINISTER AS FRENCH PRESS REPORTED. HE MADE LON, HARSH DENUNCIATION OF JEAN-PAUL ALATA, AUTHOR OF "PRISON EN AFRIQUE", URGING GOF TO RETURN HIM TO "GOG'S DISPOSITION" AS GUINEAN CITIZEN. CALLING FOR RENEWED INTERNAL VIGILANCE AGAINST "FIFTH COLUMN", TOURE SAID PDG CENTRAL COMMITTEE WOULD MEET TO CONSIDER FURTHER MEASURES REGARDING "IMPERIALIST SLANDER CAMPAIGN".

3. COMMENT: MITTERAND'S ALLEGED PERFIDY -- PERCEIVED BEGINNING OF A PSF PRE-CONGRESS ATTACK ON GUINEA PRACTICES AND INDIRECTLY ON GISCARD'S RAPPROACHEMENT WITH GOG-- TOUCHED RAW NERVE. TOURE SEEMED TO BE PERSONALLY STUNG BY WHAT HE MAY HAVE CONSIDERED COLLAPSE OF "MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING" WITH MITTERAND. TOURE REALIZES HE HAS SERIOUS PROBLEM, AND HIS SUPERCHARGED RHETORIC SEEMS CALCULATED NOT ONLY TO DISSUADE FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS FROM PUTTING GOG IN DOCKET AT UN AND POSSIBLY FROM JEOPARDIZING MAJOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN GUINEA, BUT ALSO TO QUASH PRE-EMPTIVELY ANY DOMESTIC MURMURS OF SYMPATHY WITH HIS FOREIGN ACCUSERS.
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